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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PARM, PK
SUBJECT: UNSUPPORTABLE TORPEDOS FOR PAK NAVY

1. MILITARY MESSAGES FROM CNO TO MY ODRP HERE HAVE BROUGHT UNEXPECTED BAD NEWS ON SALES CASE OF 100 MK-46 MOD ONE TORPEDOS. IN LAYMAN'S TERMS, THE WAY I SEE IT IS AS FOLLOWS: A YEAR AGO WE SIGNED CONTRACT WITH GOP TO SUPPLY THE TORPEDOS, CLEARING IMPLYING ADEQUATE CONTINUING SUPPLY OF ESSENTIAL SPARES TO SUPPORT THEM THROUGHOUT A REASONABLE PERIOD OF SERVICE. NOW ARE TOLD, AND PAKISTAN NAVY HAS BEEN TOLD, THAT US NAVY CAN SUPPLY ONLY ABOUT TWO YEAR'S SPARES, WITH NO MORE POSSIBLE AFTER THAT BECAUSE USNAVY HAS SHIFTED TO MOD TWO MODEL. ALSO COST HAS ESCALATED, BECAUSE OF CURTAILED PRODUCTION. PN SEES TORPEDOS AS INTEGRAL PART OF DESTROYER SALE WHICH INCLUDES ASROC SYSTEM.

2. THE MAIN POINT IS WHETHER THERE IS ANY WAY TO FIND AN ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM. CONTINUING GOP SUSPICIOUS OF USG MOTIVATIONS WILL CLOUD ANY DIALOGUE WE WILL HAVE ON THE SUBJECT. CNO ADM. HOLLOWAY VISITS HERE OCT 2-5 AND WILL HAVE TO DISCUSS THIS QUESTION. ALSO AGHA SHAHI, IF HE LEARNS OF IT BEFORE MEETING SECY VANCE IN NEW YORK SOON, WILL SURELY RAISE THE MATTER THEN.
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3. THERE IS ANOTHER POINT. I THINK THE LIKELIHOOD IS EXTREMELY LOW THAT NAVY PLANNERS DID NOT KNOW OF THIS POSSIBILITY (OR CERTAINTY) WHEN CONTRACT WAS SIGNED A YEAR AGO. HOWEVER NOBODY IN THIS EMBASSY AND NO PAKISTANI WAS EVER WARNED OF THIS PROBLEM UNTIL WE RECEIVED THE MILITARY MESSAGES YESTERDAY. HOW WE GOT INTO THIS MESS MIGHT BE WORTH A SEPARATE INQUIRY.

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